# Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

| In the Matter of                        | ) |                    |
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| Petition for Waiver of                  | ) |                    |
| FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline            | ) |                    |
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| Monson School District                  |   |                    |
| 29 Thompson Street                      |   |                    |
| Monson, MA 01057                        |   | CC Docket No. 02-6 |
| BEN: <b>120053</b>                      |   |                    |
| 471: <b>171048973</b>                   | ) |                    |
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| Schools and Libraries Universal Service | ) |                    |
| Support Mechanism                       | ) |                    |

# Petition for Waiver of FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2017 RE: FCC Form 471: 171048973

## I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Monson School District serves low income pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 children in Massachusetts. Monson School District submitted and certified their Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471, 171048973, in the EPC Portal portal on the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") website, on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, just 5 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

A staff member of **Monson School District** works to provide E-Rate documentation to their consultant while already working a busy schedule, and is the sole staff member responsible for supplying E-Rate documentation to the E-Rate consultant and making all vendor selections.

Due to filing a form 470 late in the E-Rate filing window, the allowable contract date of 470 **170082170** was on the last day of the filing window. The school district needed additional time to evaluate all vendors and sign contracts to abide by all E-Rate Program guidelines.

## II. Request

Monson School District respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of Billed Entity: 120053 to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 171048973 to be considered In Window for USAC to review and fund the application, due to submitting a form 470 on the last day to file a form 470 for the 2017-2018 E-Rate funding year to correct an error, and needing additional time to evaluate all vendors who responded to their form 470, make their evaluation matrix and select a vendor to abide by all E-Rate Program guidelines. Due to the late vendor selection, their consultant was not able to file the school district's 471 until after the close of the filing window.

The FCC has previously granted waiver requests of the FCC Form 471 filing deadline to schools and school districts that filed their form 471s within 14 days from the close of the filing window. Your favorable consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at any time should you have questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **Certifier Information**

MONSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (BEN: 120053) - Monson Category 2-20 - Form # 171048973

Last Saved: 5/16/2017 7:08 PM EDT

Basic Information

Entity Information

**Funding Requests** 

Connectivity Information

Certify

### You have successfully filed FCC Form 471 #171048973 for FY 2017

**Certification Date** 

5/16/2017 7:08 PM EDT

Your application is being filed after the close of FY 2017 filing window. Therefore, your application will not be considered for funding.

TO REQUEST A WAIVER OF THE FILING WINDOW DEADLINE:

The window filing requirement is contained in the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) rules for the E-rate program. USAC cannot consider requests for waivers of FCC rules. If you missed the FCC Form 471 filing window deadline and wish to request a waiver, you may file a waiver request with the FCC. When you file a waiver request, you should list "CC Docket No. 02-6" on the first page of your waiver request. We strongly recommend that you review the information provided on the USAC website about filing waiver requests.

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